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**KEY TERMS from our study of Islam (ANSWERS)**

1. **Muezzin** - the person who calls Muslims to prayer;

-the first Muezzin was named Bilal, and he was a former slave, who made the call to the Muslim community while they were in Medina

1. **Bedouins** – nomadic desert people; Muhammad was one of them; Bedouins are divided into clans
2. **Kaaba** – located in Mecca, it’s a black cube that Muslims turn to when they pray;

-believed to have been built by Abraham

-Muslims visit this during pilgrimage;

-before Islam, it held tribal gods & people went to Mecca to honor them;

-was a source of money for Mecca during Muhammad’s time

1. **Mecca** – where Islam began, where Muhammad was from

-the site of the Kaaba, place for Muslims’ pilgrimage

-a big trade center in pre-Islamic times

1. **Black Stone** – housed within the Kaaba

-believed to have been sent from heaven, placed in the Kaaba by Abraham

1. **Khadijah** – wife of Muhammad

-first follower of Islam

1. **Quran** – Muslims’ holy book, revealed over many years by Muhammad, written down by his followers
2. **Hijra** – the journey from Mecca to Medina that early Muslims and Muhammad took for safety

-marks the start of the Islamic calendar

-marked the start of an Islamic community united by faith

1. **Medina (aka Yathrib)** – the city where Muhammad and his early followers went to escape persecution in Mecca
2. **Muhammad** – the prophet founder of Islam

-lived 570-632 CE

-originally a respected merchant from Mecca

1. **Quraysh** – the tribe Muhammad was part of

-they were in charge of taking care of the Kaaba during Muhammad’s lifetime

-they opposed Muhammad’s message because it threatened the economy of Mecca/the Kaaba

-they tried to get rid of Muhammad, drove him out of Mecca and sought to exterminate him in Medina

1. **Angel Gabriel** – the angel that first “visited” Muhammad in a cave in 610
2. **reaction of Meccans to Muhammad’s Revelation** – opposed Muhammad because his message threatened the economy of Mecca/the Kaaba; tried to get rid of Muhammad
3. **how Muhammad treated Meccans after re-taking control of Mecca** – with mercy, as long as they did not attack him and his followers
4. **mawalis** – non-Arab Muslims who taught Islam to their friends and family

-helped spread Islam to people beyond Arabs

1. **jizyah** – a tax that Christians and Jews living under Islamic rulers had to pay
2. **“People of the Book”** – Christians and Jews

-Muslims still let them practice their religion, although they did have to pay the jizyah

1. ***Hadith*** – the stories, or sayings about the prophet; based on oral tradition
2. ***Sunnah***  - the record of Muhammad’s actions and behavior; a guide for Muslims (second to the Quran)
3. **Five Pillars of Islam** – declaration of faith (shahada), prayer (salat), charity (zakat), fasting (sawm), pilgrimage (hajj)
4. **Sunni Muslims –** the largest branch of Islam; believe that the successor of Muhammad should be chosen by believers and should be a righteous person
5. **Shia Muslims** – a branch of Islam; believe the successor of Muhammad should be related to Him
6. **Rightly-guided caliphs** – the first four caliphs of Islam: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Ali
7. **Caliph**  - “successor”

-after Muhammad, Muslims disagreed over how to choose the caliph; this led ultimately to different branches of Islam

1. **Umayyad Dynasty** – the first dynasty of the Islamic Empire, 661-750 CE
2. **Abbasid Dynasty** – the second dynasty of the Islamic Empire, 750-1258 CE